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## AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

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#### PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

[REDACTED]

#### PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES

- I. Multiple gunshot wounds of head.

CAUSE OF DEATH: This [REDACTED]-year-old female, [REDACTED], died of multiple gunshot wounds of head.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.

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### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF [REDACTED]

Date of death: 2300 hours on October 1, 2017

Date of autopsy: 0010 hours on October 3, 2017

IDENTIFICATION: The body is identified by a tag on the right great toe bearing the decedent's name and case number.

WITNESSES: Assisting is Forensic Technician Suzanne. There are no outside observers.

CLOTHING: The body is unclad when initially viewed. A pair of cowboy boots, a beige bra, and a blue jean dress accompanies the body.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY:

1. Endotracheal tube.

### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Injuries are described in a separate section below.

GENERAL: The body is that of a normally developed and well-nourished female appearing consistent with the listed age of [REDACTED] years. The length is 64 inches, and the weight is 167 pounds as received. The body is well preserved, cold, and has not been embalmed. Rigidity is fully developed in the jaw and extremities. Lividity is pink-purple, nonblanching, and in a posterior distribution.

HEAD: The scalp is covered with black hair measuring up to 13 inches on the top of the head. The ears are normally formed with bloody drainage. The earlobes are pierced. The right iris is brown with a clear cornea. The left eye is markedly injured. The nose is intact, and the nares are clean and unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The teeth are natural and in good condition.

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NECK: The neck is symmetrical.

CHEST AND ABDOMEN: The chest is normally formed, symmetrical, and without palpable masses. The breasts are symmetrical, and without palpable masses.

The abdomen is flat and soft. No masses are palpable.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: The atraumatic external genitalia are those of an adult female.

BACK: The back is straight and symmetrical. The anus is atraumatic.

ARMS: The arms are normally formed. No needle punctures, track marks, or ventral wrist scars are noted. The fingernails are cut short and painted with a french tip-style nail polish.

LEGS: The legs are normally formed and have no edema, amputations, or deformity. The toenails are short, trim, and painted white.

BODY MARKINGS (SCARS AND TATTOOS):

Scars: None identified.

Tattoos:

1. A monochromatic tattoo of a letter on the mid-chest.
2. A monochromatic tattoo of a star on the left side.

### INJURIES, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL

There are multiple gunshot wounds of head and right upper extremity. Directions are stated with reference to standard anatomic positions.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF HEAD:

ENTRANCE: There is entrance gunshot wound in the left eye. It is centered 4 inches below the top of the head and 2-1/4 inches left

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of midline. It is a 3/16 inch defect which injures the entire globe. There is associated bilateral periorbital ecchymosis.

PATH: The projectile enters the left eye, markedly injuring the eye, fracturing the base of the skull and lodging in the left temporalis muscle.

PROJECTILE/SITE OF LODGEMENT: Two metallic fragments are recovered from the area of the left temporalis muscle.

DIRECTION: Front-to-back, right-to-left and slightly upward.

**PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF HEAD:**

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the right side of the head. It is centered 6-1/4 inches below the top of the head and 5 inches right of midline. It is a 1-1/4 x 1/2 inch lacerated defect extending from the right side of the head to the base of the right earlobe.

PATH: The projectile enters the right side of the head fracturing the base of the skull injuring the brain and injuring the right and left occipital lobes and the right and left lobes of the cerebellar vermis. There are numerous skull fractures. There diffuse subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhage.

PROJECTILE/SITE OF LODGEMENT: Two small metallic fragments are recovered from the soft tissue behind the occipital bone.

DIRECTION: Front-to-back, right-to-left and upward.

**PEFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF RIGHT HAND:**

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the posterior aspect of the right hand. It is centered 22-5/8 inches below the top of the shoulder and 1/4 inch left of midline. It is a 3/16 x 1/8 inch defect with a 1/16 inch rim of abrasion. No soot or stippling is identified on the adjacent skin.

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EXIT: There is an exit gunshot wound on the palm of the right hand. It is centered 23 inches below the top of the shoulder and 7/8 inch left of midline. It is a 1/8 x 1/16 inch lacerated defect without soot, stippling or abrasion.

DIRECTION: Back-to-front, left-to-right and downward.

GRAZE WOUND OF SHOULDER:

There is a graze wound of the right shoulder. It is centered 10 inches below the top of the head and 7-3/4 inches right of midline. There is a 2-1/2 x 1 inch gaping defect on the superior aspect of the right shoulder. There is an associated 2 x 1/4 inch red abrasion anterior and medial to the wound.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

HEAD: See injuries external and internal. The calvarium and base of the skull are normally configured with numerous skull fractures as described above. The dura is not intact, and there is marked subdural hemorrhage.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: See injuries external and internal. The unfixied brain weighs 1240 grams. The leptomeninges are glistening and transparent with underlying hemorrhage. The hemispheres are symmetrical and have a normal gyral pattern. There is no flattening of the gyri, narrowing of the sulci, midline shift, or evidence of herniation. The arteries at the base of brain have no atherosclerotic changes or aneurysms.

Sections through the cerebral hemispheres show a mostly uniform, intact cortical ribbon and uniform white matter. There is damage to the occipital lobes bilaterally. The internal structures are symmetrical and without focal change. The ventricles are not enlarged, and the linings are smooth and glistening. Sections of the brainstem are unremarkable. Sections of cerebellum show focal hemorrhage of both hemispheres.

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### SPECIMENS RETAINED

TOXICOLOGY: Samples of peripheral blood and vitreous humor are retained for toxicology. Toxicological testing detected ethanol (0.176 g/100mL).

HISTOLOGY: Representative sections of the brain are retained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital identification photographs, overall external body photographs, and photographs of injuries and projectiles are taken.

RADIOGRAPHS: Full body radiographs are taken and show multiple metallic fragments in the head and multiple skull fractures.